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SUBJECT: PRE-IG REVIEW OF FY 1977-78 TRINIDAD CASP

1. PRE-IG MET APRIL 6 TO REVIEW TRINIDAD CASP. CONSENSUS WAS THAT DRAFT CASP WAS GOOD DESCRIPTION OF U.S. INTERESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS WERE APPROPRIATE. ALL ISSUES WERE RESOLVED SATISFACTORILY EXCEPT AS DISCUSSED BELOW, AND PRE-IG CONCLUDED THAT FORMAL IG REVIEW WILL NOT BE REQUIRED.

2. PRE-IG DECIDED THAT FUTURE OF OMEGA STATION IS NOT MATTER OF SUFFICIENT MAGNITUDE TO JUSTIFY SEPARATE MAJOR-ISSUE TREATMENT. PROBLEM WILL BE FOLDED INTO MORE GENERAL SECTION ON U.S. NATIONAL DEFENSE. OBJECTIONS WERE RAISED TO SPECULATION IN CASP ON POSSIBLE QUID FOR NEW AGREEMENT. ASSUMPTION THAT CLOSURE OF ALL FACILITIES RELATED TO DEFENSE AREAS AGREEMENT IS DESIRABLE WAS ALSO QUESTIONED. DOD SAID DATA WILL BE AVAILABLE IN SEPTEMBER 1976 TO ENABLE US TO REACH DECISION ON FUTURE OF OMEGA, AND DOD WANTS TO RESERVE POSITION UNTIL THEN.

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3. PRE-IG AGREED THAT ITEM ON TRINIDAD-PUERTO RICO

RELATIONS SHOULD BE ADDED TO INTEREST, POLICY AND RESOURCE

ANALYSIS SECTION. PRIME MINISTER'S ACTIVE INTEREST AND TRINIDAD'S MEMBERSHIP IN COMMITTEE OF 24 OFFER BOTH APPARENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR U.S. TO ENLIST SUPPORT AND OBLIGATIONS FOR GOTT TO ACT RESPONSIBLY.

4. CU RESOURCES APPEARING IN PLANNING FIGURES FOR FY 78 ON PAGE 22 AND IN TABLE 1 ON PAGE 23 SHOULD BE REDUCED TO DOLS. 5,000. CU WILL CONSIDER LARGER FY 78 ALLOCATION IF JUSTIFIED BY COUNTRY PLAN FOR THAT YEAR AND IF FUNDS AVAILABLE. ESTIMATED RESOURCES FOR FY 76 IN TABLE 1 SHOULD BE DOLS. 2,000.

5. USIS RESOURCES IN TABLE 1 SHOULD BE AS FOLLOWS: FY 75 ACTUAL DOLS. 200,000; FY 76 EST. DOLS. 215,000; FY 77 PLANNED DOLS. 250,000; FY 78 DOLS. 300,000. ERROR MAY DERIVE FROM CERTAIN SARED COSTS AT POST.

6. RESOURCE TABLES SHOULD INCLUDE OMEGA. DOD WILL PROVIDE THESE FOR INCLUSION IN WASHINGTON.

7. RESOURCE TABLES DO NOT CONTAIN FIGURES FOR TRANSITIONAL QUARTER (JULY 1-SEPTEMBER 30, 1976). POST SHOULD ADD THESE TO TABLES AND RESUBMIT BY CABLE. AGENCIES CONCERNED MAY HAVE PROVIDED DATA BUT, IF NOT, POST MAY WISH TO MAKE CALCULATIONS BASED ON 25 PERCENT OF ANNUAL FIGURES. KISSINGER

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